Dr. John J. Kopchick Research Symposium

Navigating Your Early Career

Monday, November 4, 2019

Onstead Auditorium | 6767 Bertner Avenue | S3.8012 Mitchell BSRB | Houston, Texas 77030

9:15 am Welcome and Opening Remarks
Deans Michelle Barton, PhD, and Michael Blackburn, PhD
John Kopchick, PhD, Charlene Kopchick and Fellows

9:30 am “Navigating the Path to an Academic Career and Early Career Funding Opportunities”
Chandra Bartholomeusz, PhD, Associate Professor, Breast Medical Oncology, MD Anderson

10:00 am “Steps to Finding the Right Postdoc for You”
Sara Siegel, PhD, Postdoctoral Research Associate, Orth Lab, UT Southwestern

10:30 am “Lessons Learned in my Early Career and in Investigating Rothmund-Thomson Syndrome
Associated Osteosarcoma”
Brittany Jewell, PhD candidate, Lee Lab, UTHealth McGovern Medical School

11:15 am “Single Cells: From Moonlight Experiments to a Life-long Passion and Career”
Nicholas Navin, PhD, Associate Professor, Genetics, MD Anderson

11:45 am Early Career Investigator at Texas Medical Center (title pending)
Robert Jenq, MD, Assistant Professor, Genomic Medicine, MD Anderson

12:15 pm Networking Lunch

1:30 pm “Early Career Decision Making” Panel
Matthew Spitzer, PhD, Assistant Professor, Otolaryngology, UCSF
Elisa Vesely, PhD, Postdoctoral Research, Cramer Lab, Geisel School of Medicine
Erin Williams Lopez, PhD, Medical Science Liaison
Steven Lott, PhD, Owner, Lott Consulting
Rachel Miller, PhD, Assistant Professor, Pediatrics, UTHealth McGovern Medical School
John Kopchick, PhD, Goll-Ohio Eminent Scholar & Professor, Ohio University

2:30 pm 2019 Dr. John J. Kopchick Research Award Recipients
“Targeting nutrient dependency in KEAP-mutant lung cancer”
Boyi Gan, PhD, and Pranavi Koppula, PhD Candidate

3:10 pm 2019 Dr. John J. Kopchick Research Award Recipients
Michael Curran, PhD, and Chao-Hsien Chen, PhD Candidate

3:30 pm Keynote Address: Matthew Spitzer, PhD, University of California, San Francisco

4:30 pm Closing Remarks: John and Char Kopchick

5:00 pm Networking Reception